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Emergency Help for Trainhoppers, Hitchhikers, Backpackers, and Rubbertramps: Stuck in a town and can't get out? This is how you get a free bus ticket, free night in a hotel, free gas vouchers, and free food! (self.vagabond)

submitted 1 month ago by [deleted]

It sometimes happens to the best of us: We get stuck in a town or city and it's nearly impossible to get out.

Perhaps hitchhiking is illegal in the state you are in, and the cops are constantly kicking you off the side of the road.

Perhaps you got busted by a bull in the trainyard, and now the hotspot is impossible to access.

Perhaps nasty weather suddenly came, such as snow or thunderstorms, and you aren't prepared to stay another night outdoors.

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Perhaps your van or bus ran out of gas and it's illegal to panhandle with your gas can.

Perhaps you decided that living on the road is not your lifestyle, and you just want to get back home as soon as possible!

Anything can happen on the road. And if you are on the road long enough, most of these things will eventually happen to you.

However, there are WAYS to escape so that you can get back on the road, or get back home.

- **FREE GREYHOUND BUS TICKETS:**

Almost every town and city in the United States offers emergency tickets for travelers that are trying to get back home or get to a job.

However, it will require you going to the local police station, and requesting tickets from the secretary or an officer on duty. They will run your name for warrants, however they do not search your bags. They will ask you if you have any drugs or weapons on you, but they do not actually search you or your bag.

They will usually issue you a ticket for the very next greyhound. Check your local greyhound bus schedule and be ready for it, because the cops will not refund your ticket or buy you another one.

(Sidenote: Local church's will also issue you bus

Vagabonds, Hobos, Hitchhikers, Trainhoppers, Squatters, Rubbertramps, Backpackers, and more.

Feel free to share stories and pictures about your adventures on the road, or share advice and tips with greenhorns and lurkers!

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tickets. I simply google "churches in Denver" and call every single church on the google list. You may have to call half a dozen church's before you find the church that provides aid, but its worth all the calling.)

- **FREE HOTEL:**

Most towns will provide ONE free night in a hotel. The hotel booking is usually done by the local police station, or a local homeless outreach center. Some towns only allow this if the weather is below freezing, but many towns will do it for whatever emergency situation you are in.

(Sidenote: If your room is non-smoking, do NOT stink up the room with smoke. The hotel will hold the cops liable, and they have the right to throw you in jail if you are unable to pay the smoking fine. I repeat, do NOT fucking smoke if the room is non-smoking, it is NOT worth the consequences.)

- **FREE GAS VOUCHERS:**

If you are a rubbertramper or van-dweller, and you're vehicle runs out of gas, many towns will give you a gas voucher that is usually enough for a half tank or full tank of gas. These vouchers are usually issued by a local church, homeless outreach center, or even the local police.

- **FREE FOOD:**

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Nearly all towns and cities offer free food vouchers or free bags of food. Sometimes this will be in the form of a 25\$ or 50\$ voucher that you can use at a grocery store, and sometimes it will be in the form of 3-4 bags of canned goods and assorted foods. To get food vouchers or free bags of food, google local food banks. These bags of food are free, and you can usually get 3-4 bags every weekly visit.

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[-] **spud10** 1 point 1 month ago*

Great post, thanks for the info.

On a side note for those who are low on funds or want to stretch that food voucher out - when I was shopping this week my local grocery store was running a sale on cans of speggettios = 10 cans for \$10, all varieties. You'll need a "club card" but they're free to sign up for or usually the clerk will just scan theres for you if you smile. They're decent sized cans so a dollar a meal is pretty thrifty.

I stocked up as I love heating up some beefaroni/ravioli/etc on my alcohol stove for dinner when I'm camping or backpacking. You can also eat them right out of the can if you don't have access to a stove or fire.

They're heavy in the pack but seeing as you can get 6-7 cans for the price of *one* of those freeze dried meals that all the yuppie backpackers eat - to me its a no brainer.

I grew up with two workaholic parents who were never home so spaghettiios were a staple of my diet and I still love them as camp grub to this day. They taste and sit in my stomach way better than ramen or even most canned chili.

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[-] **huckstah** **Trainhopper / Hitchhiker** 1 point 1 month ago

I love it when cans of Chef Boyardee Ravioli and Spaghettiios are on sale. That's my go-to favorite canned food.

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[–] **willthisworkforyou** [Trainhopper / Hitchhiker](#) 5 points 1 month ago

organic food alert but, [eden](#) cans are fucking sweet. they line them with ceramic instead of plastic so it doesnt leach into the soup and make it taste like shit/ give you cancer when you put it over a fire. they cost more but its good to keep in mind.

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[–] **spud10** 1 point 1 month ago

Hell yeah dude. I sent a picture of it to my sister because she always makes fun of how my taste buds never matured out of my child hood.

Shes a really healthy eater so I send her pictures of my shopping basket filled with Chef Boyardee and gushers.

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